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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: **Consolidated Docket Nos.: 2017-207-E; 2017-305-E; and 2017-370-E**
Correspondence – Cynthia Salvo

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is forwarding the enclosed letter from Ms. Cynthia Salvo to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina regarding the above-captioned docket at her request.

Sincerely,

Nanette S. Edwards

cc: All Parties of Record (via Email)
Cynthia Salvo (via U.S. Mail)

October 8, 2018

John E. Howard, First District Commissioner
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive – Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210-8411

SUBJECT: South Carolina Electric & Gas and Waste of Millions of Ratepayer Dollars

Mr. Howard et al:

The 'deal' Dominion Energy is proposing is NOT a deal. It serves to salvage SCE&G stockholder portfolios and to increase Dominion Energy profits once again at ratepayers expense. A refund is offered with one hand and taken back with the other while subjecting ratepayers to continued payments for a power plant that will never be functional. Their proposal is more of the same rape and pillage that SCE&G has subjected us to year after year after year...apparently with your stamps of approval. Let Dominion Energy head back to Virginia without your approval. Only Public Service Commission members et al. who approved all those many rate increases knew/know to what extent they were either adequately informed and/or misled/lied to over the years. By my calculations, I am out > \$3000.00 when factoring in all those preposterous rate increases over the years. That vague approximation of a \$1000.00 refund for every ratepayer is a sack of 'dangling carrots' and would reflect a mere fraction of what I have actually had stolen from me.

SCE&G must be held accountable and NOT allowed to accept the proposed buyout by Dominion Energy. SCE&G will not fold up if it ends up filing for bankruptcy protection. To believe ratepayers are stupid enough to believe such propaganda is insulting. Even if SCE&G rates must be increased down the road, that is not reason enough to let SCE&G off the hook by 'passing the buck'. As far as future rate increases, honestly needed money to meet operating expenses is NOT what ratepayers are screaming about. We are screaming about being lied to and sold out by so many entities.

According to articles written by the Post & Courier, both your agency and the Office of Regulatory Staff were supposedly misled by South Carolina Electric & Gas with the results now all too apparent. The South Carolina Legislature is equally to blame for passage of a bill that anyone with an IQ of 50 would have examined and questioned more thoroughly before following the herd and passing it into law. It is a dimwit who believes the fox can watch the hen house and do justice to anyone but himself. While I want to believe that the public hearings your agency has been holding are not farces merely designed to give the appearance of advocacy, I have doubts. In the end, will these hearings turn out to have been nothing more than a 'show' on your part? Based on past performance, I doubt I am alone in my mistrust. It is is now your (PSC) responsibility to fix the problem by not taking the easy way out.

To reiterate: this 'deal' is not in the interest of anyone but SCE&G and Dominion Energy and should NOT be allowed. The entire PSC needs to do the right thing when time comes for a final vote...for a change. If the PSC approves this non-deal with Dominion Energy, please make it your last vote and exit the commission. Allowing a buyout by Dominion Energy would be a mistake and further failure in the minds of so many.

If I sound disgusted and cynical, I do not apologize knowing that I reflect the thoughts and feelings of many, many, many South Carolina ratepayers. We have been held hostage long enough and have good reason to be disgusted and fed up. Those on commissions, staffs, and in office who did and who continue to actually be consumer advocates are to be commended. Those whose actions reflected/reflect stupidity, gluttony, and self-serving motives need to exit the commission pronto, as I mentioned. Sadly, the public has lost trust and confidence in these bodies that can only be rebuilt by denying this proposed NON-DEAL.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Salvo - Native of Dorchester County South Carolina